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300 attend Lodge Lightning fire briefing in Laytonville

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More than 300 people attended a CalFire community meeting Monday in Laytonville's Harwood Hall, organized to answer questions about the 4,000-acre Lodge Lightning Complex fire in northern Mendocino County. The fire, which started July 30, remains only 20 percent contained.

A second meeting was scheduled Wednesday at press time.

Monday's meeting included presentations from CalFire Operations

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Water snitches caught by police

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Community members spotted two water trucks working on the Lodge Fire last weekend snitching water from a Main Street fire hydrant.

"We saw it two times over the weekend," Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann said. "They have to have permission to use water from hydrants."

The Willits Police Department says it is

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Willits already complying with new state water use regs

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The City of Willits seems to be on the same page as the state water board, which recently passed statewide emergency water regulations.

California's State Water Resources Control Board handed down a resolution asking water providers for mandatory conservation policies and to pursue more water supplies.

If you hose down your driveway or do something else to squander water, the state says you could be looking at a \$500 fine per day.

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Willits 4-H's Keely Ahders shows off her rabbits to bidders at the auction.

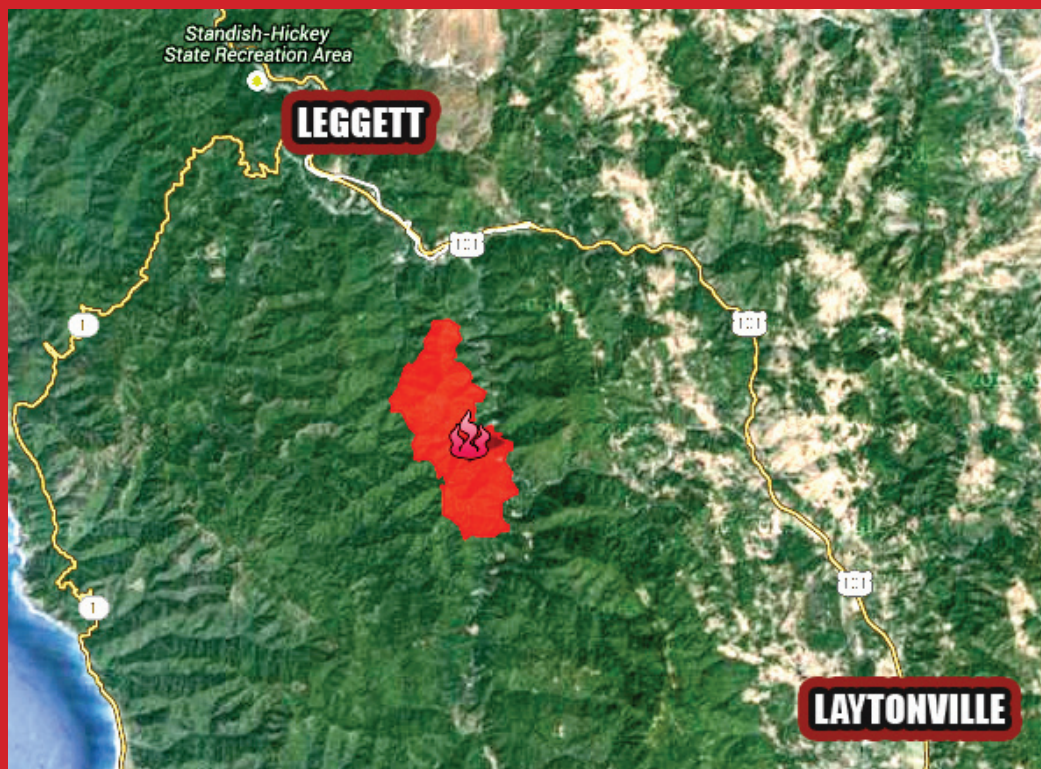
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Makin' Bacon!

Redwood Empire Fair raises \$623,941.50 at Saturday's Auction
See coverage of fair events inside today's edition!

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Fighting the Blaze



The CalFire Fire Map for the Lodge Lightning Complex fire, updated 7 pm Wednesday, August 6.

The north end of the fire is about 1.25 miles below Highway 101.

The South Fork of the Eel River is shown along the east side of the fire perimeter, except where the fire has crossed over the river, just to the right of the fire icon.

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Brooktrails blasts Willits on water treatment plant policy

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Brooktrails' board of directors has authorized General Manager Denise Rose to send a letter to Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore notifying the city it is in breach of its contract with Brooktrails to adequately and safely treat Brooktrails' waste water.

Brooktrails claims that since 2012 Willits has illegally discharged approximately 70 million

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Kinetic Kids

Below, left row from top: Kinetic Carnivale Kiddos Caspian, Rhyan and Aidan. Below right: The kids with Genevieve, Jeremy, Aarne, Lara and Chad in Kinetic "Kostumes."

Photos by Maureen Moore

Children are welcome at this weekend's Kinetic Carnivale in Willits, with more activities than ever designed to enchant and delight young festival-goers. Admission to the Carnivale is free for kids age 12 and under.

"We started from scratch," said this year's Whimsy Circus coordinator Neeka Aguirre, about the Carnivale's exciting new lineup of hands-on games, steampunk crafts, and circus, circus, circus. Cirque Connectique will offer hands-on learning opportunities – a balance beam, hula hoops, juggling – to try out circus skills and experience what it's like to be a performer. Aerial hijinks by Circus Mecca on

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Sherwood Road project comment period ends Friday

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Some 30 concerned citizens and property owners attended a July 30 Caltrans public workshop at the Willits Community Center, part of the public comment period for the Sherwood Road project's draft environmental impact report.

Several Caltrans officials provided information and answered questions concerning the project. The public comment period officially closes Friday, August 8.

As currently

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champion rabbit meat pen: Hanna DeShiell of Willits FFA.

Another award given at the ceremony is the Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy. It is presented to an exhibitor who “cheerfully follows the rules of their respective organization.” They are nominated because they are helpful to others, they share knowledge with new and younger members, and they exhibit a good attitude throughout the fair. Seven were nominated: Stephany Bundance of Willits 4-H, Rebecca Pierachini of Potter Valley FFA, Jordan Luna of Long Valley 4-H, Hailey Riley of Willits 4-H, Tate Campbell of Long Valley 4-H, Mason Kelly of Long Valley 4-H, and Kyle Rogers of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

The winner of the Perpetual Sportsmanship Trophy was Jordan Luna of Long Valley 4-H. He persevered through a big tragedy: his hog died shortly after arriving at fair, leaving him unable to show and compete in the auction. Despite this setback, Luna decided to stay at the fair, help out in the hog ring, and uphold his “responsibilities to his fellow project members.” He showed leadership and sportsmanship and was a great example to others.

Three members were also recipients of the Mendocino County Junior Livestock Award Committee (MCJLAC) and the Dr. Russell Preston 4-H Scholarship awards: Noelia Davila of Round Valley 4-H, Montana Edgar of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H, and Chesney Johnson of Potter Valley.

For all their hard work, support and dedication to their programs, two adults were named winners at the ceremony: the 4-H Leader of the Year was Kelly Iverson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H, and the FFA Advisor of the Year was Beth Swehla of Anderson Valley FFA.

Additional awards presented to the exhibitors follow:

Breeding animal classes:
 Sheep: Reserve Champion Ewe: Sarah Viale of Navajo Churro Project; Champion Ewe: Hercules Almond of the Navajo Churro Project, and Special Award: Jessica Harris of the Navajo Churro Project. Champion Wether Sire: Andrew Burris of Ukiah FFA; Overall Champion Unregistered Ewe: Chancelyn Johnson of Potter Valley 4-H. Supreme Champion Ewe and Randy Clark Memorial Perpetual Trophy: Monica Galliani of Potter Valley 4-H.

Beef: Champion female: Julie Brown of Potter Valley 4-H; champion replacement heifer: Ian Seymour of Willits 4-H. Dairy Cattle: champion female: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H.

Goats, breeding/meat: purebred champion: Emma Braught of Long Valley 4-H; reserve purebred champion: Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H. Percentage champion: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits 4-H; percentage reserve champion: Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H.

Poultry: grand champion bird of show: Carson Galletti of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; reserve grand champion bird of show: Ozlynn Nass of Willits 4-H.

Dairy goats: senior champion doe and grand champion doe: Sofia Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; junior champion doe: Erica Illg of Cole Creek 4-H.

Swine: champion registered gilt: Hannah Whitley of Long Valley 4-H; champion unregistered gilt: Kara Larkin of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H.

Pygmy goats: champion registered doe: Hailey Mosgrave of Long Valley 4-H; champion registered wether: William England of Willits 4-H; champion unregistered doe: Grant Forrester of Willits 4-H; and champion unregistered wether: Mariah Ochoa of Willits 4-H.

Rabbits: champion and reserve single fryer: Stephany Brundage of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H; best in show: Sophia Scott of Willits 4-H; reserve best in show: Colton Pinson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

Dog: obedience, novice A: Emma Farrell of Kelseyville 4-H; novice B, showmanship intermediate and advanced: Wyatt Gaskell of Kelseyville 4-H. Showmanship novice: Marcella Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H.

Cavy: champion cavy: Wyatt Gaskell of Kelseyville 4-H; reserve cavy: Kenzie Kornegay of Ukiah FFA.

Horses: champion mare: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; champion gelding: Rebecca Pierachini of Potter Valley FFA and champion pony: Emma Garman of Willits 4-H. Overall high point 14 and over: Caitlyn Forrester of Willits 4-H; reserve: Thais Reed of Willits 4-H. Overall high point 9 to 13: Erin Evans of Anderson Marsh 4-H; reserve: Claire Moyle of Willits 4-H.

Best of Show awards given to exhibitors in the Junior Building: Baked Food and Confections: Marcela Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Cut Flowers: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Decorated Cakes: Kenzie Kornegay of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Dried Floral Arrangements: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Fiber Art: Kylie Kornegay of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Fine Arts: Ariel Anton of Mendocino Spartans 4-H; Floral Arrangements: Sara Compa of Willits 4-H; Fly Tying: Hayden Hayes of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Hobbies: Athena Anderson of Fort Bragg 4-H; Photography: Jillian Anton of Mendocino Spartans 4-H.

Poetry: Marcela Vallejo of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Scrapbook: Collin Spackman-Rowles of Long Valley 4-H.

Sewing: Cassia Lazaro of Potter Valley 4-H; Textiles: Katie Penry of Potter Valley 4-H; Wood Working: Garrett Dailey of Potter Valley 4-H; Wood Working: Ashley Edwards of Covelo FFA; Wool Reserve Champion Fleece of Show: Sarah Viale of Navajo Churro Project; and Wool Champion Fleece of Show: Jodie Nelson of Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H.

Junior Gardens winners: 4-H division: Jonathan Hunt of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Independent division: Shannon Whetzel of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; Wheel Barrow Contest: Tanner Whetzel of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H; and Window display: Navajo Churro Project Gro up.

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Left: Dennis Thurston of Thurston Auto Plaza holds a bidding number. Thurston Auto is one of the big buyers every year at the Redwood Empire Fair.

Below: Another great supporter and big buyer at the auction, Michael Braught of Geiger's Long Valley Market, who poses with Anderson Valley FFA's Daniel Espinoza after the purchase of Espinoza's market goat.

Photos by Maureen Moore

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Aggregates for \$7 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Haley Whitcomb of Laytonville sold her 1,164-pound market steer to Anderson Logging for \$6 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Joshlyn Tuttle of Covelo sold her 267-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$11 per pound; Willits 4-H's Hailey Riley of Willits sold her 136-pound market lamb to Mendo Mill & Lumber Co. for \$15.50 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Honey Bienvu of Covelo sold her 269-pound market hog to Selzer Realty for \$12 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Wade Sizemore of Laytonville sold his 1,219-pound market steer to Weathertop Nursery for \$7.25 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lilah Garman of Willits sold her 141-pound market lamb to Les Schwab Tire of Willits for \$20 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Jocey Thieman of Covelo sold her 1,250-pound market steer to Noyo Trawlers Assoc. for \$5.25 per pound.

Round Valley 4-H's Kenyon Duke of Covelo sold his 280-pound market hog to Keith's Family Foods for \$7 per pound; Redwood Valley/Calpella 4-H's Megan Horrocks of Willits sold her 94-pound market goat to MRM Consulting for \$11.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Samantha Arms of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Rainbow Ag Services for \$12 per pound; Willits FFA's Elizabeth Rountree of Willits sold her 280-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$7.25 per pound; Covelo FFA's Mathew Edwards of Covelo sold his 1,343-pound market steer to Daniel Steel & Machine for \$4.75 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lance Burgess of Willits sold his 145-pound market lamb to Les Schwab Tire of Willits for \$13 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Levi Brown of Covelo sold his 280-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$11 per pound; Willits FFA's Haily Findley of Willits sold her FFA rabbit meat pen to Paul Riley Drywall for \$650; and Willits 4-H's Matthew Colvig of Willits sold his 220-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7.50 per pound.

Willits 4-H's David Wells of Willits sold his 231-pound market hog to Ron Miner for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Haley Schuck of Willits sold her 238-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$7 per pound; Willits FFA's Carolyn Simpson of Willits sold her 1,188-pound market steer to Sparetime Supply for \$4.50 per pound; Covelo FFA's Ethan Mann of Covelo sold his 242-pound market hog to Keith's Family Foods for \$10 per pound; Willits 4-H's Coltin Doak of Willits sold his 248-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$5.75 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Dylan Guerra of Covelo sold his 1,188-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$5 per pound.

Round Valley 4-H's Jonah Lindsay of Covelo sold his 254-pound market hog to Wylatti Resource Management, Inc. for \$13 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Paige Whitcomb of Laytonville sold her 82-pound market goat to Glen's Commercial Tire for \$14.50 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Tate Campbell of Laytonville sold his 267-pound market hog to Campbell Falling for \$11 per pound; and Willits 4-H's Sara Compa of Willits sold her 271-pound market hog to Redwood Heating & Cooling for \$7.50 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Jaden Doak of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$6 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Hunter Guerra of Covelo sold his 1,145-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$7 per pound; Willits FFA's Konner Reed of Willits sold his 225-pound market hog to Ron's Quality Construction for \$9 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Tuttle Clayton sold his 226-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$10 per pound; Willits FFA's Nova Medina of Covelo sold her FFA rabbit meat pen to The Quarry for \$525; Willits 4-H's Emma Garman of Willits sold her 129-pound market lamb to Peterson Tractor - Willits for \$17.50 per pound; and Covelo FFA's Noelia Davila of Covelo sold her 1,157-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$7 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Halee Reed of Willits sold her 247-pound market hog to Bud Garman Construction for \$6 per pound; Willits FFA's Kristopher Novo of Willits sold his FFA poultry

pen to Smith West Coast Seal & Stripe for \$500; Willits 4-H's Jacob Compa of Willits sold his 252-pound market hog to Geiger's Long Valley Market for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Taylor Buzzard of Willits sold her 255-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$6 per pound; Willits 4-H's Sierra Mayfield of Willits sold her 264-pound market hog to Solid Waste of Willits for \$5.75 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Gracie Bauer of Covelo sold her 1,263-pound market steer to Solid Waste of Willits for \$4 per pound; Coyote Valley 4-H's Damien Pulawa of Willits sold his 268-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$6 per pound; and Round Valley 4-H's Kaiden Britton of Covelo sold his 279-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$11 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Laney Hendry of Willits sold her 145-pound market lamb to Shuster's Transportation for \$16 per pound; Willits 4-H's Tyrell Hopkins of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Kansas Asphalt, Inc. for \$6 per pound; Covelo FFA's Noah Davila of Covelo sold his 1,266-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Health Center for \$5.50 per pound; Willits FFA's Sierra Skinner of Willits sold her 223-pound market hog to Mendocino County Farm Bureau for \$5 per pound; Covelo FFA's Ashley Edwards of Covelo sold her 236-pound market hog to Uptown Mercantile for \$8.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Emma Compa of Willits sold her 241-pound market hog to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$7.50 per pound; Covelo FFA's Tyler Vann of Covelo sold his 246-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$9.75 per pound; and Long Valley 4-H's Garrett Campbell of Laytonville sold his 253-pound market hog to Long Valley Auto Supply for \$9.50 per pound.

Willits FFA's Matthew Hendry of Willits sold his 255-pound market hog to Nor-Cal Recycled Rock & Aggregates for \$5.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Austin Andrade of Willits sold his 255-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$6 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Lawrence Taylor of Laytonville sold his 267-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$9.50 per pound; Long Valley 4-H's Collin Spackman-Rowles of Willits sold his 277-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$8.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Bailey Ferguson of Willits sold her 280-pound market hog to 101 Trailer & RV for \$7 per pound; Willits 4-H's Lucas Branscomb of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Round Tree Glass for \$7.50 per pound; Willits FFA's Nicholas Novo of Willits sold his FFA poultry pen to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$500; and Long Valley 4-H's Sheldon Britton of Laytonville sold his 1,227-pound market steer to Round Valley Indian Housing Authority for \$7 per pound.

Long Valley 4-H's Connor Taylor of Laytonville sold his 280-pound market hog to Cahto Tribe of Laytonville Rancheria for \$10.25 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Chah-lahl Whipple of Covelo sold her 232-pound market hog to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$13.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Nakai Chilson of Willits sold her 71-pound market goat to Arrow Fencing for \$10 per pound; and Willits 4-H's Samantha Thomas sold her 257-pound market hog to Weathertop Nursery for \$6.50 per pound.

Willits 4-H's Caitlyn Forrester of Willits sold her 1,350-pound market steer to Redwood Empire RVs & Ukiah Valley Rentals for \$5.75 per pound; Willits FFA's Rhiana Peart of Willits sold her 127-pound market lamb to Arrow Fencing for \$13.50 per pound; Willits 4-H's Aaron Colvig of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Sparetime Supply for \$7.50 per pound; Round Valley 4-H's Nadia Davila of Covelo sold her 78-pound market goat to Round Valley Indian Tribe for \$46 per pound; Willits 4-H's Taten Heiken of Willits sold his 280-pound market hog to Solid Waste of Willits for \$9.25 per pound; Willits 4-H's Ian Seymour of Willits sold his 1,306-pound market steer to Ukiah Taco Bell for \$5.50 per pound; and Willits FFA's Kayla Lyon of Willits sold her 136-pound market lamb to Iverson Logging for \$9 per pound.

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mom Maureen Moore: a person who creates fabulous photo moments



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Before & After

Two Willits women sacrifice their locks at Relay for Life

Relay for Lifers Jennifer Sookne and Sharron Kidd made a dramatic gesture at the Willits Relay event on July 26: they had their heads shaved, to support people who lose their hair during chemotherapy. The two Willits women also hoped their sacrifice would inspire people to donate to the Willits Relay for Life benefit for the American Cancer Society.

It's not unusual to see people without hair at Relay for Life events: cancer survivors, rocking the bald-headed look. Kidd, co-chair of the survivors' group this year, had a bald head herself, at the 2013 Relay, due to chemotherapy. "Last year, I didn't have a choice," she said. "This year, I had a choice!"

Kidd, a caregiver for 15 years, started feeling sick the day after Christmas 2012. A CAT scan in mid-January 2013 revealed a large mass on her ovaries, and Kidd had surgery at UC San Francisco to remove the malignant tumor in mid-March.

Although Kidd said she was more scared about the chemotherapy than the surgery, as it turned out, she had "virtually no trouble at all" with chemo, she

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Above: Jennifer Sookne shows off her before and after looks.

At right, row from top: Sookne and Sharron Kidd, at right, get ready for their "trims"; the hairdresser works on Kidd's hair with an electric clipper; Kidd gets her finishing touches, while Sookne waits her turn.



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Activities & fun for kids of all ages

ARIES Mar 21/Apr 20
 Finances are on your mind this week. Aries. You could be driven more than ever to get your ducks in a row. Expect such tasks to be a bit stressful but ultimately worth it.

LEO Jul 23/Aug 23
 Leo, do not deny yourself some pleasure, especially if you have been putting in a lot of work and effort to attain your goals. Enjoy a little downtime when you can.

SAGITTARIUS Nov 23/Dec 21
 Sagittarius, there is a lot more going on in your life now than meets the eye. Moves that you make could be crucial to your success, so do your best to make sure you make the right choices.

TAURUS Apr 21/May 21
 Taurus, avoid being sidetracked by some familiar obstacles. Even with the best intentions you can get pushed off target. Pay attention and stick with it.

VIRGO Aug 24/Sept 22
 Virgo, you cherish your time with friends and family this week, spending as many free moments with them as possible. In the coming days, carve out some alone time for yourself.

GEMINI May 22/June 21
 Gemini, it may be tempting to set aside responsibilities in favor of more exciting experiences. But the real opportunities for adventure come from making commitments and goals.

LIBRA Sept 23/Oct 23
 Libra, you are no stranger to meeting other people's demands, but you need to be very firm about what you want right now. Work with others but make your opinions known as well.

CAPRICORN Dec 22/Jan 20
 Capricorn, expect some initial dissent when you propose an unorthodox solution to a problem. Don't worry much, as others will come around when the plan starts to work.

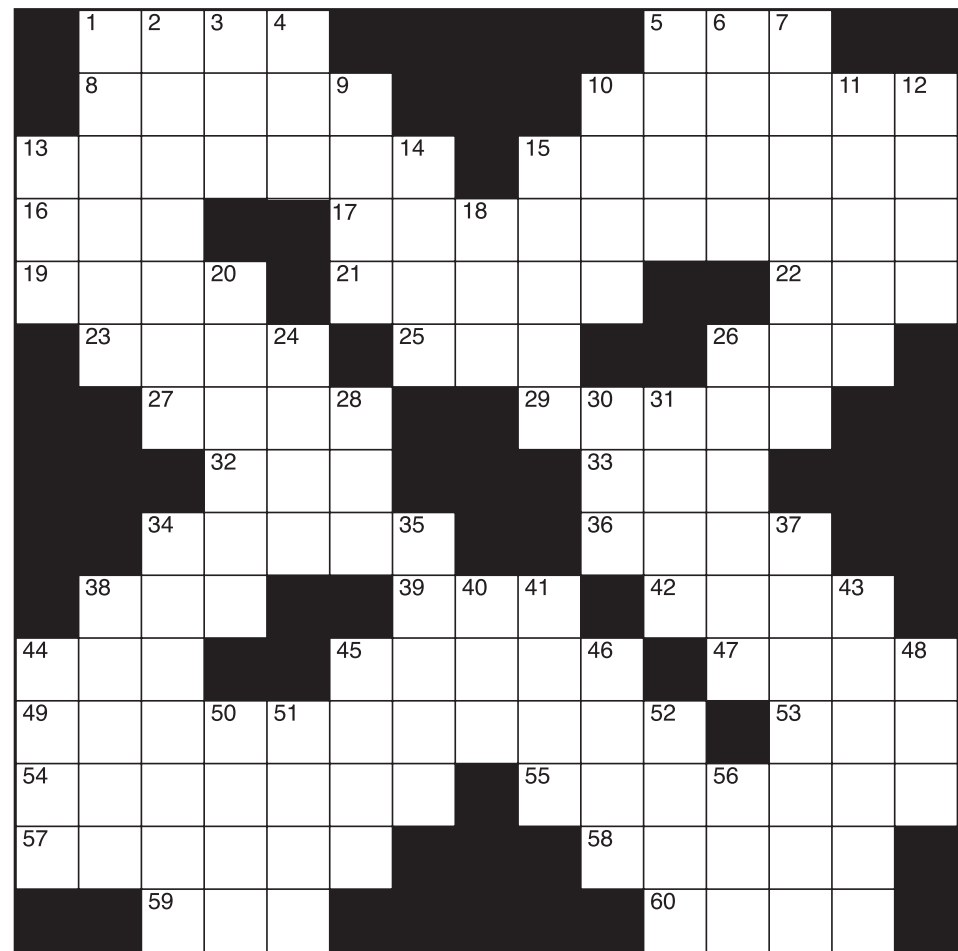
AQUARIUS Jan 21/Feb 18
 Do not allow your emotions to get the better of you this week, Aquarius. Steer clear of confusing issues and do not delve too deeply into things you don't understand.

CANCER Jun 22/Jul 22
 Cancer, you may finally be ready to express feelings that you have been keeping to yourself. If you are worried about how others will respond, don't be. You have accepting friends.

SCORPIO Oct 24/Nov 22
 Scorpio, your intensity helps you get through some difficult projects in the weeks ahead. Be sure to make some time for rest and relaxation once your projects are finished.

PISCES Feb 19/Mar 20
 Pisces, expect to be acknowledged for some special contributions this week. Stand up and take your bow with grace and appreciation.

Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Mimics
- Ed Murrow's home
- Semitic gods
- Print errors
- Shared
- Intestinal inflammation
- Word element meaning ear
- English romantic poet
- Proofreading symbol
- Marten pelt
- Brew
- Liquid body substances
- Born of
- Large primate
- Aba ___ Honeymoon
- Indian solder
- NYSE regulator
- Be incorrect
- Badger groups
- Gangster pistols
- Hearing receptor
- Gone by
- "Heir of Fire" author Sarah
- Short-term memory
- Egg-shaped nut palms
- Invests in little enterprises
- "___ Daniel Webster"
- Busy, honey or quilting
- Supplies with air
- Repository
- Verbal approvals
- Make joyful
- 1/100 yen
- Lam ___: 12th hebrew letter (pl)
- Seed container
- Paradoxical Zen question
- Runs disconnected
- Rainbow Effect (abbr.)
- Chalk remover
- Assist in some wrongdoing
- Main arterial vessels
- Unreturned serve
- Brain wave instrument
- Baby carriage
- Image recorders
- Indian frocks
- Jewish day of rest
- Earliest anesthetic
- Hair product
- So. Am. wood sorrels
- Blockades
- Salem-Leckrone Airport
- Pierce
- The class of birds
- Stake
- After B
- Disseminates
- Comedian Letterman
- British School
- 1996 presidential candidate
- Radioactivity unit

CLUES DOWN

- Diminishes
- Set free
- Consume
- Salem-Leckrone Airport
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Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

How To Sudoku:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Building Winners

Fair exhibitors awarded for entries in art, gardening, baking and more

The Redwood Empire Fair isn't just about youth exhibitors and livestock entries, there's a whole bunch of North County residents who also enter items into the Horticulture, Floriculture, Agriculture, Home Arts and Fine Arts buildings, too.

The oasis of the air-conditioned buildings gave fair-goers a chance to cool off from the outdoor heat, and a chance to appreciate the wide variety of talents in our community.

Two Covelo residents entered winning exhibits: Ashley Edwards, who won three first-place ribbons in the Junior Building, and Dava Reynolds, who won seven first-place awards and one second-place award in the Floriculture building and a second-place award in the Fine Arts building.

Two Laytonville residents also won awards: Brianne Sanderson, who took home 10 first-place awards in the Junior Building, and Tayla Sanderson, who won 22 first-place awards and five second-place awards in the Junior Building.

There were 55 Willits exhibitors who entered many items across all the buildings. Keely Ahders won five first-place awards and one second-place award in the Junior Building. Tom Allman won a first-place award in the Agriculture/Horticulture building for his rhubarb entry. Tim August won five first-place awards, two second-place awards and one third-place award in the Home Arts building for his yeast and quick bread entries. Michaela Barlow won 16 first-place awards and three second-place awards in the Agriculture/Horticulture building for her herbs, peas, Swiss chard, beets, carrots, potatoes, cucumbers, squash, sunflowers, plums, prunes, blackberries and produce in a jar entries.

Sharon Blackwell won two first-place awards in the Home Arts building for her advanced decorative painting entries. Laurel Boschma Miller won two second-place awards and one third-place award in the Fine Arts building for her oil painting entries. Michele Briggs won four first-place awards, two second-place awards and two third-place awards in the Agriculture/Horticulture building for her herbs, nature's uniqueness and produce characters. Mary

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Above left: Wayne Ingle's award-winning tomatoes entered into the Agriculture/Horticulture building. Above right: Tim August's award-winning French bread entered into the Home Arts building.

Below: Caroline T. Salcedo's quilt in the Home Arts building.

Bottom: One of Michele Briggs' produce character entries, a hummingbird.

Photos by Maureen Moore





The cafeteria of Blosser Lane Elementary School was overflowing last Thursday, as more than 300 parents, children, family and friends celebrated the 10th anniversary of Nuestra Alianza's Plan Vacacional, with performances and a feast.

Nuestra Alianza celebrates 10 years of its summer program

performances of traditional dances, skits, and more, as well as a civic ceremony featuring both American and Mexican flags and anthems. This year's program had 88 participants in four groups ranging in age from 5 to 12, all of whom were eager to show off the dances and songs they'd learned for their families and friends at the closing event.



Plan Vacacional is a month-long program taught in Spanish in which children learn about many aspects of Mexican culture, civics, cooking, art, history, and sports, as well as taking classes in English and mathematics.

"Our main goal is for the children to learn about their culture, and to improve communication with their parents – to feel safe speaking Spanish," said Executive Director Raymundo Perez, who first began working with the organization five years ago as a Plan Vacacional assistant.

Each summer, the program concludes with

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After 13 performances, including comedy skits and traditional dances from Sinaloa, the Yucatan, and other regions of Mexico, the room then turned into a group dance party and mini-parade, before everyone moved outside to enjoy a spread of delicious Mexican foods and desserts.

"It's the most Mexican event in town," said Dina Hutton, who helped found the Willits program in 2004. The program is taught by four teachers from Nuestra Alianza, including Reina Brito, Anna Gaona Botello, Daisy Meza and Ana

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At top: Plan Vacacional students in beautiful skirts.
Photo by Irma Hernandez



Photo by Raymundo Perez



Above, left: Boys and girls perform a traditional dance.

Above: An enthusiastic audience packed the Blosser Lane cafeteria.

Photos by Kate Maxwell

Left: One of the Plan Vacacional classrooms.

Below left: An altar set up for the occasion.

Photo by Kate Maxwell

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said, except being "extremely tired." Kidd attributed the lack of serious side effects to modern-day symptom relief medications. She did, over a period of three or four months, lose her hair.

Kidd stressed that it's important to visit the doctor if you're not feeling well, and to be persistent if they can't figure out what's wrong right away. She also wanted to thank her family and friends – "the village," she said, including Pastor Dennis Long – who have helped her through this process. "You can't do it alone," she said.

Sookne enjoyed a beautiful henna decoration on the side of her head after the hair came off, thanks to Hilary Manning of Hilary's Henna.

Both fundraisers got donations, as well as a lot of praise on Facebook, for their gallant efforts. Fundraising is still going on for Willits Relay for Life through the end of August. Anyone wishing to donate can mail a check to: American Cancer Society, 1451 Guerneville Road, Suite 220, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, with "Willits Relay" in the memo line.

You can also donate online to each gal individually: go to www.relayforlife.org, and scroll down a bit to see the "Find a participant" fields. Enter "Jennifer Sookne" or "Sharon Kidd," then hit "Donate" on the field that comes up.



Left: a beautiful henna design adorns Jennifer Sookne's shaved head.

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Almanza, along with Principal Graciela Botetello and Maestra de Ingles (English teacher) Brooke Moncivais.

The program also features two teachers from Mexico – this year Mahatma Velazquez and Elizandra Ramirez – who visit via Migrant Education and rotate yearly. Dr. Ricardo Stocker, Nuestra Alianza therapist, also helped out, along with seven teacher's aides and auxiliary assistants.

The program is free for any interested child and is supported by funding from Migrant Education and First 5 Mendocino, with space provided by the school district. This year Willits Police Chief Gerry Gonzales also assisted with funding and was honored for his help during the program.

Beyond the teachers and the classroom, the program gets help from older teens and the families of attendees: "We're really a full family affair," explains Hutton. Older teens who have participated while younger can volunteer as assistants and can eventually get paid by the program.

"It's an opportunity for them to get paid to do something they really want to do," Perez says. Additionally, over the course of the month a group of volunteer mothers make all the costumes and food for the final performance: "They're indispensable," says Hutton. Plan Vacacional provides a room for the volunteer mothers to work in, so they can benefit from other Nuestra Alianza programs and bring children too young to officially attend.

Hutton, who teaches English as a Second Language courses at Mendocino College, was also a part of the beginnings of Nuestra Alianza de Willits in 2001. Alianza is a non-profit focused on providing services for the Latino community and beyond.

"We are geared towards the needs of the Latino community, but our services are open to everyone," says Hutton. Nuestra Alianza – "Our Alliance" – was founded by one of Hutton's Mendocino College classes: inspired by a Ukiah program, class members picked parts they wanted to play in the new group. "None of knew what we were doing," Hutton said. "I had no idea our class project would run amuck and become so successful!"

Nuestra Alianza now includes 17 programs and services, including free tax preparation, legal and immigration advice, mental health, parenting, health and nutrition programs, and much more. Programs for children in addition to Plan Vacacional include a teen leadership group and an afterschool program with the Kids Club that enrolls around 480 students.

"It's really great to visit and see how well the program is doing," said former director Alma Hernandez, who returned for the anniversary celebration. In its first year, Plan Vacacional was held in Recreation Grove, and teachers had to move the tables and chairs daily. Since then, the program has found space indoors and more than doubled in size, with big hopes to expand further.

"Next year, we'd like it to be five weeks," said director Perez, who also hopes to move the final performance to the high school to accommodate the attending crowd. Nuestra Alianza will begin taking applications for next summer's Plan Vacacional next March.

More information on Nuestra Alianza can be found at www.nuestraalianzawillits.org. Offices are located in the Willits Grange, 291 School Street, in Room No. 1. The group will be holding a fundraiser concert featuring Marcos Perea and Ricardo Stocker on Saturday, September 6 at 7 pm at the Willits Community Theater.

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gallons a year of untreated or partially treated waste water directly into the surface waters and underground aquifers of Little Lake Valley.

Brooktrails claims it cannot be held financially responsible for the results of Willits' management of the newly built wastewater treatment plant or for the costs of fixing the problem.

Willits City Manager Adrienne Moore denied Brooktrails' allegations.

"One thing that should be cleared up is the misrepresentation that there is a discharge of sewage," she told Willits Weekly. "There is no discharge of sewage, as Brooktrails repeatedly misrepresents. There is no evidence to suggest that pollutants are being discharged to surface water or impacting beneficial uses. The treatment of effluent from the mechanical portion of the plant is designed to be protective of groundwater. The treatment in the ponds is designed to protect surface water."

Brooktrails directors also sent a three-and-a-half page resolution to accompany the letter.

According to the resolution, Brooktrails advised Willits in 2010 the soil under the new plant's settling ponds would need to be compacted, while plans for construction of the new plant did not include that requirement.

In addition, the resolution claims an engineer hired by Brooktrails to review the plans for the plant found that the dose of

ultra-violet light proposed for use at the plant was too small to adequately treat the wastewater.

The biggest single factor in Brooktrails' claims is that inflow and outflow data from the plant in 2013 seem to contain a large discrepancy between data for the month of June and for the following months, through October 2013.

According to an information sheet provided by Brooktrails, called "GHD Water Balance Calculation Irrigation Flow Error," an error in reporting likely occurred sometime in June or July 2013.

"The June 2013 irrigation flow is anomalous as it appears to be reported higher than expected. By doing a quick check of the meter reading charts for June 2013 through October 2013, it is very clear the method of calculating the daily irrigation flow from meter readings was different in June compared to the other months by a factor of 10. If true, that means 73 million gallons were reported as used for irrigation that were not so used, are not accounted for, and are missing. If the June method is correct, then the flow used for the irrigation for the five months was remarkably high. What is 'mystery water' used for irrigation?"

The paper concludes either there was a 73.17 error in June 2013, or the total amount of waste water used for irrigation from June through October 2013 was 456 million gallons, when only 93 million gallons of untreated sewage water flowed into the plant, according to its own data.

The letter and accompanying resolution are part of a stepped-up campaign to win the lawsuit Brooktrails has filed against the City of Willits.

In addition, the board on Tuesday evening directed Brooktrails General Counsel Christopher Neary to add Brooktrails as an intervening party in the River Watch lawsuit against the City of Willits. Neary said in open session that Brooktrails would be filing an amended complaint against Willits in the wastewater plant lawsuit next week, adding that a trial date in the case has been set for next May.

"Both Brooktrails and the [North Coast] Regional Water Quality Control Board were already advised that an amended report would be provided to address a mathematical error, and the city is working with the appropriate agency in that regard," Moore commented. "There is no basis for Brooktrails' claims there are public health issues and environmental impacts, and the city will continue to work with the Regional Water Quality Control Board to satisfy any concerns in that regard."

"On a separate note," she added, "the agreement between the City of Willits and Brooktrails requires them to collect sufficient fees from users to pay its obligations and gives the city the right to audit those accounts. It should be noted that while they are collecting fees from their ratepayers, they are not fulfilling their contractual obligations to the City of Willits."

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Movie Times for 8/8 thru 8/14 This Week's Tightwad Tuesday Titles are in RED - All tickets: \$5



Fighting the Fire

Left: Mendocino County Sheriff Tom Allman talks to a concerned attendee at Monday's Lodge fire meeting in Laytonville, while others listen intently to a CalFire officer talk about the progress of the fire.

Photo by Kate Maxwell

Above: A homemade "Thank You CalFire" sign along the road.

Below: National Guard helicopters at the Lodge fire copter base in Laytonville, the Black Oak Ranch. The large "tent city" for the 1,570 personnel fighting the fire is a few miles south, across Highway 101 from CalFire's Laytonville station.

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Madison Forrester of Long Valley 4-H sold her Grand Champion Market Goat to Mendocino Roofing, Inc.



Kaylee Novo of Willits FFA sold her Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen to Ukiah Taco Bell



Tea Greene of Ukiah Shamrocks 4-H sold her Grand Champion Market Hog to Thurston Auto Plaza

Additional Thanks

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